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Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
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June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
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New Perspectives on
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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
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News and Events

Board of Trustees Meeting, February 24 (02-27-12)

GSU's Board of Trustees Friday approved a 2.5 percent undergraduate tuition increase for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. The Board also approved fees for 2012-2013, which remain unchanged from the current year.

President Maimon pointed out that, under Illinois law, the new undergraduate tuition rates will remain in effect for four consecutive academic years for students who enter GSU as undergraduates this fall. During the four years the new rates are in effect, she added, the annual increase in tuition over the 2011-2012 rate comes to about 0.6 percent.

This year, total tuition and mandatory fees for a new, full-time equivalent resident undergraduate student are lower at Governors State than at any other public university in Illinois.

"We want to be the most affordable university with very high quality in the state of Illinois," Dr. Maimon said. "That's our goal."

Dr. Maimon said GSU has turned to tuition as a revenue source because state appropriations supporting public universities have steadily declined over the last decade. Ten years ago, more than two-thirds of GSU's revenues came from the state. Now, the university receives less than half its revenues in the form of state appropriations.

Plans for student housing at GSU took a step forward Friday as the Board authorized the sale of revenue bonds to finance an on campus, 300-bed residential complex. Bonds in an aggregate original principal amount for the project are not to exceed \$21 million.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education this month approved GSU's housing plan.

In related action, the Board approved the award of underwriting services for the revenue bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and Edward D. Jones & Co., both of St. Louis. FDM Architects of Oak Brook was awarded the architectural and engineering services contract for a fixed fee of \$900,000; the firm will develop design, construction, and bidding documents and provide associated architectural and engineering services for the housing complex.

Dr. Maimon reported on her meetings with state officials in Springfield on February 8.

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10 a.m. – noon
D1496
\$50
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708.534.4092

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June 29
7:30 p.m.
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2 p.m.
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“As convener of the public university presidents and chancellors, I have been working with my colleagues to put the thorny issue of pension reform into an educational context,” she said.

Dr. Maimon and Glenn Poshard, President of SIU, met with House Minority Leader Tom Cross and with other important groups. Later that day, public university presidents and chancellors met for an hour with House Speaker Michael Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton, and Jerry Stermer, Governor Quinn’s top adviser.

As a result of the meetings, the state leaders are willing to invite two selected university experts, Steve Cunningham of NIU and Avijit Ghosh of the U of I, to the table for pension discussions.

“Their presence will raise the odds that legislative proposals will, at least to some extent, protect our universities, employees, and the pension system itself,” she said.

The Board awarded tenure and the rank of professor to Dr. Angela Latham, who has been appointed Associate Provost. Dr. Latham, currently vice president of academic affairs at Triton College, will be a member of the Division of Liberal Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Latham joined Triton in 1997 as artistic director of the theater and lead speech instructor. She is also active as a theater artist, directing, producing, and acting at Triton and venues around the Chicago area.

- In other business, the Board:
- Approved a name change of the Division of Liberal Arts within CAS to Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.
 - Approved the creation of the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts within CAS. The new division will expand and integrate arts programming at GSU.
 - Approved three requests for new units of instruction: BA in anthropology and sociology, MA in school psychology/education specialist, and BS in information technology. The three new programs need approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Town Hall Today (02-23-12)

Join President Maimon and GSU administrators for a Civil Service Town Hall meeting today, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Join the discussion.

Student Chat with the President -- Feb. 28

Join the conversation. Students are invited to a Chat with the President on Tuesday, February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex.

Students can meet with Dr. Maimon to ask questions, share ideas, and discuss GSU’s future.

Pizza and beverages will be served.

GSU Table Tennis – Playoffs Continue

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GSU will host the NCTTA Midwest Regional Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Division champions and four top teams (for a total of eight teams) will compete for the regional title. Teams in the regional competition represent the Kansas Division, Lower Midwest Division, Minnesota Division, and Upper Midwest Division.

GSU's team advanced to the playoffs by winning a NCTTA tournament earlier this month.

The outcome of this weekend's regional tournament determines which teams advance to the NCTTA national competition, to be held this April in Plano, Texas.

Library Workshops - Spring 2012

The ins and outs of writing a research paper will be explained in a series of workshops co-sponsored by the GSU Library and the Writing Center. The workshops will focus on the steps involved in planning and writing a research paper.

The Library is also presenting several other workshops throughout the semester covering a variety of topics including search strategies for journal databases and online resources for specific disciplines.

All the workshops are free and conducted in the Library. The dates and times of the workshops are listed on the Library Workshops [web page](#).

Increase your Qualifications

CBPA is hosting a graduate program open house on Saturday, March 3, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on the Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Management Information Systems, and Master of Science in Accounting will be provided. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with academic and admission counselors, faculty members, and current students. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Applications will be accepted and a complete breakfast will be served.

For more information or to RSVP by February 29, call 708.534.4391 or e-mail bpainfo@govst.edu.

One-on-One Language Training for Your Child at GSU

Free, one-on-one language instruction for qualified middle school children is being provided by at GSU as part of a research study. All instruction is conducted by a certified, trained speech-language pathologist.

The summer language intervention program provides one or two hours of instruction per week for nine weeks. Instruction focuses on building knowledge of advance sentences that are important for reading comprehension, writing, following verbal instructions, and verbal expression in middle school and beyond.

Participation is based on eligibility screening, which takes place in March and April. Students must have a documented language or learning disability, be between 10 and 14 years old, have normal hearing, and meet certain reading and language criteria.

The Summer Language Program is part of a language treatment study supported by a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The study is designed to train speech pathologists in effective language development techniques and to examine their effectiveness on student learning.

Transportation to and from the university is not provided.

For more information, and to register your child for evaluation, contact Dr. Catherine Balthazar at 708.534.4592.

Which Fork?

Learn the etiquette skills you'll need when meeting potential employers and clients in social settings during the Etiquette Luncheon for GSU students. The Office of Career Services is sponsoring this very informative lunch workshop on Tuesday, April 3, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Receive manners instruction as you enjoy a full meal. Learn about appropriate and professional attire. Gain tips on social etiquette – a valuable skill set needed for professional settings.

Registration for the Etiquette Luncheon at GSU is required and the fee is \$5. Contact the Office of Career Services for more information at 708.235.3974.

GSA March Meeting

GSU's Gay Straight Alliance will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. in room E2590.

Scholarship Spotlight – Shawanna Beard



Shawanna Beard of Chicago received the Wilbur L. Morrison Endowed Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration, pursuing a business degree with a marketing concentration.

Shawanna would like to become a buyer for a large retailer, and would also like promote her own business.

Let's Talk – February 23 (02-20-12)

President Maimon and GSU administrators will host a Civil Service Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

You are encouraged to be part of the conversation. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Join the discussion.



Limited Access

The E/F renovation project has finally begun. Preliminary work by the contractors is well underway.



The F entrance (at the east end of the building complex) is closed and, beginning next week, additional barriers will be in place to restrict the university community from construction areas and activities. Please watch for signs directing you to alternative entrances.

Please note these new entrance points:

- Access to the Gross Anatomy Lab (F1690) will be from the exterior entryway located on the east side of F Building.
- Access to first floor science labs in F wing will be via the stairwell facing parking area 3 East. A sidewalk has been constructed to the stairwell entrance.
- Access to second floor science labs will be via G building bridge
- Access to all other buildings (from outside) will be directed through G building

Most importantly, there will be NO ACCESS to F building from either the F building entryway located on the east side of the university or E wing. This inconvenience is necessary to protect the safety of the university community. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For more information about the construction work, contact project manager [Tim Kosiek](#) at ext. 7451 or [David Stone](#).

Ten days to P-Day



That's how long you have to change your password before the February 29 deadline.

Changing your password is easy and free. And, if it's not done on time, you could be locked out of your computer after the deadline.

Link to [Password Change Instructions](#) to learn how to change your password.

Vote for Student Leaders

The Student Senate and Student Board of Trustee candidates are eager to serve you.

Be sure to cast your vote for your representatives. Voting takes place from February 27 through March 4 online at <https://eBallot4.votenet.com/govst>.

Black History Month Film Series

The Black History Month Film Series begins on Tuesday, February 21, at 5 p.m. in Sherman Hall, with *Tim Wise on White Privilege, Racism, White Denial, and Costs of Inequality*. This 57-minute film introduces the social construction of racial identities and the concept of white privilege. A discussion follows the film.

Race: The Floating Signifier will be screened on Wednesday, February 22, at 5 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts lobby. Filmmaker Stuart Hall argues against the biological interpretation of racial differences. A discussion follows the film.

The last film in the series, *Money for Nothing: Behind the Business of Pop Music*, will be shown on February 23, at 5 p.m. in Sherman Hall. The film explores how popular music is produced and marketed, while offering a critique of the current state of popular music. A discussion follows the screening.

These events are sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Academic and Support Services, and the Intellectual Life Committee.

Landing Grants is Brown Bag Topic

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center will host a discussion on landing grants at a brown bag event on Thursday, February 23, from noon to 1 p.m., in room D1497 (across from the Hall of Honors).

Taking part in this month's discussion are Jennifer Morehead, deputy director of the Office for Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR); Chip Coldren, interim assistant provost for academic affairs; and Paul Blobaum, associate librarian. They will present information on OSPR's role at the university, grant resources, and hints for becoming a successful grant writer. The session will be interactive, so bring your questions and ideas as well as your lunch.

Upcoming events and opportunities will also be announced.

Don't forget your lunch. Snacks and beverages will be provided by the Provost's Office.

CenterPoint at GSU Client to be Honored

Janet Kuester, a CenterPoint client and owner of The Music Connection in Orland Park, is a 2012 recipient of The Daily Herald Business Ledger Annual Award for Business Excellence.

Kuester is receiving the award in the small business category. She will receive the award at the newspaper's annual recognition event in March.

"I would like to thank CenterPoint at Governors State University for its advice, counsel, and encouragement over the last four years," Kuester said. "Working with CenterPoint has been an exciting opportunity that I encourage all beginning and growing businesses to experience."

The Daily Herald Business Ledger honors companies that have shown a consistent record of financial success, an emphasis on workplace quality, innovation in its processes or procedures, support of the business community, and support of the community at large through charitable or volunteer efforts, mentoring or internship programs.

Other CenterPoint clients honored over the past few years for business excellence have been UBuildit, of Mokena; Phoenix Business Solutions of Alsip; The Prairie Godmother of Flossmoor; and Behold Signs and Graphics of Midlothian. The Music Connection was previously recognized for entrepreneurial excellence.

Annual Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology

Each year teachers and students from high school through graduate school gather to share their knowledge and experience of the science of psychology at the Midwest institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology. This year the institute will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 24, at the College of DuPage.



Dr. Jean Johnson, assistant professor of psychology, will present *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Student Debates in Psychology Classes*. Dr. Johnson will be discussing strategies for conducting (and assessing) debates in a variety of psychology classes.

In addition, GSU will be represented by undergraduate and graduate psychology/counseling students and faculty in the research and teaching poster competitions (including student Carrie Bregar and Drs. Kate Sori and Crystal Blount).

For information about attending the event, visit the conference [website](#).

Be a Maniac



Recyclemania is back and GSU is ready. This national contest challenges universities and colleges from across the state and the country to increase awareness of and participation in waste reduction and recycling initiatives. The contest, now in its fourth year, ranks schools according to their success. GSU has ranked first out of all participating Illinois schools for the past two years in the Waste Minimization category.

Everyone can help GSU win a three-peat this year. Put all your paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and cans in blue recycling containers located throughout the campus.

The competition continues through March 30, but training starts today. Whenever possible, recycle, reuse, reduce, and use e-copies.

If you don't have a recycling container in your area or office, please contact [Peggy Schiesher](#) at ext. 6361.

Wear Your Pride

The Black Student Union is calling all students, faculty, and staff to join a community rich in diversity and friendship. If you belong to a fraternity, sorority, GSU club, or honor society, BSU asks you to put on the organization's identifying paraphernalia on Wednesdays. Wear the pins, scarves, hats, or shirts that reflect your association and share your enthusiasm with the GSU community.

Community College Art on Exhibit

GSU is hosting the 2011 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, through March 3, in the Visual Arts Gallery. Artwork includes painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics.



This exhibition celebrates the creative work of young artists. The show includes artwork by 34 student artists representing seven Illinois community colleges. Institutions represented include College of DuPage, Heartland Community College, John Wood Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Malcolm X College, Parkland College, Prairie State College, and South Suburban College.

Christopher D. Smith, Gallery Director of Linda Warren Projects, served as the judge of the exhibition. He selected the 55 works of art on exhibit from 236 entries by 93 students representing 9 Illinois community or junior colleges.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists will be held on Saturday, March 3, from 1 to 5 p.m., in E-Lounge. The awards presentation and juror talk will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. More than \$1,500 in prize money will be awarded.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call (708) 534-4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

Town Hall Meeting – February 23 (02-16-12)

President Maimon and GSU administrators will host a Civil Service Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. You are encouraged to be part of the conversation. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions.

Access Your Voicemail Through Outlook

Following recent updates to GSU's voicemail system, you can now access voicemail via your faculty/staff e-mail account. All users should restart their computers to ensure that the changes take effect.

As of Wednesday, February 15, all new voicemails will appear in your GSU e-mail inboxes. New voicemail messages will remain in the phone and e-mail systems for 90 days, after which they will automatically be deleted.

You can archive your voicemail in Outlook by moving messages to the GSU Voicemail subfolder located under your Inbox. If the folder is not present, restart your computer and it will appear.

Voicemail saved prior to February 11 will be unavailable after May 1, until then these messages can only be accessed through the phone system.

- On campus – Dial extension 4995 and enter your voicemail PIN
- Off campus – Dial 708-534-4995 and enter your voicemail PIN

For more information, contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708.534.H-E-L-P (4357).

Table Tennis Triumph

The GSU table tennis team triumphed at last weekend's National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Upper Midwest Divisional Spring Tournament. The tournament was held at GSU.

In the co-ed team competition, GSU took first place after defeating DePaul 4-0 and defeating teams from Purdue, Northwestern, and UW-Madison 3-1. DePaul took third and Purdue secured a fourth place finish. The GSU women's team also took first place.



This win, combined with the Fall 2011 tournament's results, secured GSU a first place overall finish in the Upper Midwest Division. GSU, along with the DePaul team, will advance to the NCTTA Midwest Regional Tournament to be held at GSU on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Division champions and four top teams (for a total of eight teams) will compete for the regional title. Teams in the regional competition represent the Kansas Division, Lower Midwest Division, Minnesota Division, and Upper Midwest Division.

Placement in the regional tournament determines which teams advance to the NCTTA National competition Plano, Texas, on April 13 through 15

Everyone is welcome to attend the regional tournament and cheer the GSU team to another victory. Admission is free.

Stop Kiss Casting Call

There are a number of parts still available in the student production of *Stop Kiss* by Diana Son, a multimedia play to be performed at GSU on April 11, 12, and 13.

On-camera actors are needed for filmed scenes requiring minimal time commitment. The production needs to cast Mrs. Winsley (female, 40+ years old); Detective Cole (male, 40+ years old); Peter: (male, 21-36

years old); and Nurse (female, any age).

For the live performance, a female student (21-36 years old) is needed for the part of Sara. This student would be required to attend to two to three rehearsals a week and all production dates.

For the on-camera scenes, the production is also seeking one to two students to film single frame shots in specific locations at GSU. These scenes will require edited so that they can be projected on a screen in the Hall of Honors during the production. The footage will be a part of the live production.

For information about these opportunities as well as behind the scenes roles, contact director Lauren White at LWhite5@student.govst.edu. For priority consideration, email by Friday, February 17.

Education Employment Opportunities

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in employment and internship opportunities in education and related fields on Thursday, February 23. The career fair will be open from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match job and internship positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

African Americans and Classic Vocal Music



Dr. Sonya Baker of the Music Faculty at Murray State University will host a presentation on African Americans and Classical Vocal Music today, at 1 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The presentation, free and open to the public, is part of GSU's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Dr. Baker's appearance is in conjunction with "Lift Every Voice – An Operatic Celebration of Black History Month" at GSU's Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, February 19 at 4 p.m. During the concert, internationally acclaimed opera stars Kimberly Jones and

Cornelius Johnson will unleash their soaring interpretations of great American music.

Soprano Kimberly Jones and tenor Cornelius Johnson will perform music from "Porgy and Bess," Gershwin's "Tremonisha," "Ragtime," and "Showboat," as well as spirituals and other songs drawn from the rich heritage of the African American experience. The concert is part of GSU Center's "Opera Up Close" series.

Single tickets for "Lift Every Voice" are \$37. To purchase tickets or for information, visit www.centertickets.net or call GSU Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222.

SOTA Hosts Blood Drive

You can help keep healthy hearts pumping by participating in a campus blood drive on Monday, February 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. in E Lounge. The drive is sponsored by the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA).

Donors will receive a T-shirt as a thank you gift. You can register for the blood drive at www.heartlandbc.org, contact Russell at rthompson@student.govst.edu or SOTA at 708.534.7294. Donors must have a photo ID.

Read Together

Join more than a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds in celebration of Black History Month. The African American Read-In will be held on Monday, February 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event celebrates literacy and is endorsed by the International Reading Association.

Volunteers are being sought to participate in this remarkable event and everyone is welcome to attend. Readers choose an excerpt from a book, poem, or other literary work by an African American author to read aloud at the Read-In.

Contact [Dr. Rashidah Muhammad](#) at 708.534.6974 to sign up or receive additional information.

CHHS Dean Candidate Presentation – Thomas Birk

Dr. Thomas Birk, candidate for the position of Dean of CHHS, will give a public presentation on Thursday, February 23, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation.

Read Dr. Birk's [resume](#).

CBPA Grad Program Info

Learn more about graduate degree opportunities offered by the College of Business and Public Administration at a graduate program open house on March 3, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on the Master in Business Administration, Master in Public Administration, Master of Science in Management Information Systems, and Master of Science in Accounting will be provided. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with academic and admission counselors, faculty members, and current students. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Applications will be accepted and a complete breakfast will be served.

For more information or to RSVP by February 29, call (708) 534-4391 or e-mail bpainfo@govst.edu.

Student Food Pantry

The Student Food Pantry is collecting food. Donation boxes are located

at the main entry (D Building) adjacent to the elevator, and in A2140, the Student Commons. Please help us fill the pantry shelves and help our students.

The Student Food Pantry is open for food pick up on February 20, March 5 and 19, and April 2, 16, and 30. For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#).

Vote for Student Senate 2012

The candidates are eager to serve you. Be sure to cast your vote for student senators and Board of Trustee student representative. Voting takes place from February 27 through March 4 online at <https://eBallot4.votenet.com/govst>.

SWSO Lobby Day Prep

The Social Work Student Organization of GSU is sponsoring a Lobby Day preparation presentation on Wednesday, February 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in E Lounge.

Students planning to participate in the NASW Advocacy Day in Springfield are encouraged to attend. The presentation will be conducted by Dr. Paul Keys. Participants will learn the ins and outs of lobbying for causes and programs and communicating effectively with legislators.

Black History Trivia Game

The Black Student Union is sponsoring its Know Your Black History trivia game on February 28, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Teams and individuals are invited to test their knowledge of black history, compete for prizes, and enjoy food, fun, and music.

For more information or to sign up, contact [Tina Hughes Burke](#).

Scholarship Spotlight - Williette Asanji



Williette Asanji of Bolingbrook received the James and Helen Hassett Scholarship in Nursing. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Health and Human Services working toward her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Williette plans to continue her education to receive a master's degree. She is currently a nurse and wishes to become a nurse educator in a college or

university.

Careless Screened in London

GSU took London by storm recently when Blake Labriola, Leah Shortell-Chapman, and Josh Young attended the First Annual Student International Film Festival and screened their short film, *Careless*.

Labriola and Shortell-Chapman are currently studying in the Master of

Fine Arts program. Young recently earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a concentration in Filmmaking & Multimedia from GSU. The students were accompanied by adjunct professor Keisha Dyson, who is also the program developer for GSU's cable station.



"It has been one of the most enriching cultural and film experiences that I've been able to take part in," said Labriola. "Showing my film to students from around the world was an exciting event for me."

The students and GSU staffer also watched dozens of short films, met student filmmakers from around the globe, visited the largest archive of world-renowned film director Stanley Kubrick's production material, and toured the BBC.

Shortell-Chapman says, "This trip was amazing! I was impressed with the quality of student work and very proud to be among such an elite group."

Careless, a suspense thriller, was among more than 80 films screened at the festival. It was selected from a pool of more than 350 submissions. Labriola developed the concept for *Careless* in the MCOM/IFDI Producing class (taught by Dyson), and it was developed in the MCOM 570 Production class (taught by Sanghoon Lee). The film will be screened at GSU later this month. Pictures from their trip, updates and anecdotes can be found on FaceBook. Search This Week at GSU or on Twitter at GSU_TWAG

Dr. Maimon Makes Case for Education in Governor's Mansion (02-09-12)

President Maimon spoke on the need for a "strong, innovative" education system in Illinois during an appearance Wednesday at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield.



Governor Pat Quinn invited presidents and chancellors from colleges and universities throughout Illinois to the luncheon meeting. Dr. Maimon spoke as the convener of the Illinois Public University Presidents and Chancellors Council.

"My colleagues and I who lead public universities feel a special sense of responsibility for the economic development of our regions and of the state as a whole, through our intertwined missions of teaching, research, and community service,"

Maimon said.

She thanked Governor Quinn for inviting the presidents and chancellors to the luncheon and for his "willingness, quite literally, to welcome us to the table for important policy discussions."

"We are committed to fulfilling our goal for 2025: moving from 43 percent to 60 percent of Illinois citizens holding bachelor's, associate, or career certificates," noted Maimon. "We are working together with our community college colleagues to create seamless pathways for

'Success by Degrees.' That's Governors State's slogan, but it applies generally."

She also thanked the governor for his support of MAP grants for lower income students, and for his commitment to quality education opportunities for students through pre-kindergarten through the university level.

Quinn called the meeting to gather ideas from the state's higher education leaders on what can be done to increase support to Illinois students who want to continue their education after high school.

Dr. Maimon and the other educational leaders also met Wednesday with House Speaker Michael Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton, and Minority Leader Tom Cross.

Table Tennis Competition This Weekend at GSU



It is time to follow the bouncing ball of collegiate level table tennis competition to GSU. The university will host two major regional tournaments this February. The 10 member GSU team hopes to do well at each tournament to advance to the next level of completion.

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Upper Midwest Divisional Spring Tournament takes place at GSU on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, from 9a.m. to 4 p.m. Teams from DePaul University, Northwestern University, Purdue University, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and GSU will compete in singles and team matches over the two-day event.

The competition will determine which two teams advance to the NCTTA Midwest Regional Tournament, scheduled two weeks later. GSU will also host this tournament on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Division champions and four top teams (for a total of eight teams) will compete for the regional title. Teams in the regional competition represent the Kansas Division, Lower Midwest Division, Minnesota Division, and Upper Midwest Division.

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Voicemail to Be Updated - New Features

The university's Cisco voicemail system will be unavailable during a scheduled update that will take place from Friday, February 10 at 9 p.m. to Saturday, February 11 at 8 a.m.

New features will include:

- Voicemail access via your GSU faculty/staff e-mail account: audio messages will show up in a new folder under your Inbox called "GSU Voicemail"
- The ability to access and listen to voicemail from any computer or mobile device with web access
- A new 90-day message retention policy: Voicemail messages older than 90 days will be moved to the "Deleted Items" folder in your e-

mail AND voicemail boxes. Voicemail items remaining in the "Deleted Items" folder for more than 90 days will be permanently deleted from both systems.

Contact the GSU Helpdesk with questions or concerns at 708.534.H-E-L-P (4357).

Time to Change Your Password

Twenty-two days and counting. That's how long you have to change your password before the February 29 deadline.

Changing your password is easy and free. And, if it's not done on time, you could be locked out of your computer after the deadline.

Link to [Password Change Instructions](#) to learn how to change your password.

Lift Every Voice Distinguished Lecture



Dr. Sonya Baker of the Music Faculty at Murray State University will host a presentation on African Americans and Classical Vocal Music on Thursday, February 16, at 1 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. The presentation, free and open to the public, is part of GSU's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Dr. Baker's appearance is in conjunction with "Lift Every Voice – An Operatic Celebration of Black History Month" at GSU's Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, February 19 at 4 p.m. During the concert, internationally

acclaimed opera stars Kimberly Jones and Cornelius Johnson will unleash their soaring interpretations of great American music.

Soprano Kimberly Jones and tenor Cornelius Johnson will perform music from "Porgy and Bess," Gershwin's "Tremonisha," "Ragtime," and "Showboat," as well as spirituals and other songs drawn from the rich heritage of the African American experience. The musical revue is part of GSU Center's "Opera Up Close" series.

Single tickets for "Lift Every Voice" are \$37. To purchase tickets or for information, visit www.centertickets.net or call GSU Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222.

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CenterPoint Workshops

CenterPoint at GSU is sponsoring four Starting a Business in Illinois workshops in February for Chicago Southland residents.

The free two-hour workshops focus on personal, financial, and legal aspects of starting a business. Participants will learn what steps to take and what resources are available to assist new business owners succeed in today's challenging economic climate.

Workshops will be presented:

- On Wednesday, February 15, at 6 p.m., at Richton Park Village Hall, 4455 W. Sauk Trail, Richton Park. Elliott Johnson, Regional Representative for GSU CenterPoint, will present the program, sponsored by the Village of Richton Park.
- On Wednesday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Palos Heights Public Library, 12501 S. 71st. Street, Palos Heights. Dan McAllister, Regional Representative for GSU CenterPoint, will present the program, sponsored by the Palos Heights Library.
- On Wednesday, February 22, at 9 a.m., at Kallsen Center in Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park. Dan McAllister will present the program, sponsored by the Village of Tinley Park.
- On Thursday, February 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the Peotone Public Library, 515 N. First Street, Peotone. Judi Mack, Regional Representative for GSU CenterPoint, will present the program, sponsored by the Peotone Public Library.

CenterPoint at Governors State University is an Illinois Small Business Development Center offering professional assistance, counseling, relevant training, and ongoing support services to entrepreneurs. CenterPoint is a service of Governors State University with grant support from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Interested individuals can contact CenterPoint at (708) 534-4927 or www.centerpointgsu.com.

Give So Others Live

As Valentine's Day approaches, hearts are everywhere – in boxes of candy, greeting cards, and floral displays.

You can help keep healthy hearts pumping by participating in a campus blood drive on Monday, February 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. in E Lounge. The drive is sponsored by the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA).

Donors will receive a T-shirt as a thank you gift. You can register for the blood drive at www.heartlandbc.org, contact Russell at rthompson@student.govst.edu or SOTA at 708.534.7294. Donors must have a photo ID.

Agricultural Export Summit

GSU and the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) are hosting an Agricultural Export Summit Thursday, February 16 at the Center for Performing Arts.

The agriculture, trade, and transportation conference will focus on the development of export opportunities and training for Illinois farmers and processors.

Topics to be covered include:

- International Market Analysis of Agriculture Trends
- Export Procedures and Best Practices for Agriculture
- Multimodal Transportation and Carrier Protocols for Bulk Commodities
- Bulk Transportation Facilities 101
- Inland Waterways and the Panama Canal
- Finance Export Trade

There also will be a hands-on detailed workshop on Wednesday, February 15, focusing on exports and featuring a tour of the BNSF Railway and Centerpoint Properties for a smaller subset of participants. Space will be limited to approximately 150 attendees.

Go to the ISA [website](#) or [register](#) for the conference.

Deadline Nears for School Counseling Program

Persons interested in pursuing a Master's in School Counseling have until February 15 to apply for the program that begins this fall.

Starting this fall, classes will be hybrid following the completion of core courses. Only four classes per semester will be conducted on campus. The remainder of coursework for the program will be completed online.

For further information, contact [Bonnie Gregg](#).

Study Abroad in China

CBPA is sponsoring an information session on a short-term study

abroad opportunity in China this summer. The session, open to all GSU students and alumni, takes place Wednesday, February 15 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex.

The 12-day trip includes visits to four cities -- Beijing, Xi'an, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. Participants will go the Transport/Logistics Trade Show 2012 and visit business and government agencies. Sightseeing and cultural events include visits to the Great Wall, Ming Tomb, Forbidden City, and Terra Cotta Warriors.

Refreshments will be served at the information session. To RSVP, contact dwofford@govst.edu or 708.534.4930. For further information, contact [Dr. Jun Zhao](#) at 708.534.4953.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Dr. Jean Johnson, assistant professor of psychology, will make a presentation on *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Student Debates in Psychology Classes* at this month's 19th Annual Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology (MISTOP) conference.

Dr. Johnson will discuss strategies for conducting and assessing debates in a variety of psychology classes. GSU will also be represented at the conference by undergraduate and graduate psychology/counseling students and faculty in the research and teaching poster competitions. They include student Carrie Bregar and Drs. Kate Sori and Crystal Blount.

Each year, the MISTOP conference gives teachers and students from high school through graduate school an opportunity to share their knowledge and experience of psychology. The program offers a variety of sessions presented by leaders in psychology education as well as ample time for informal sharing and networking among participants.

The conference, hosted by the College of DuPage Psychology Faculty and Psi Beta Chapter, takes place Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, 2012. Follow this [link](#) for more information on attending the conference.

GSA Offers Valentine's Goodies

The Gay Straight Alliance will hold a Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, February 14 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Scholarship Spotlight - Aaron Daniel Annas



Aaron Daniel Annas of Matteson received the Rich Township Community Scholarship. Aaron is a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences, working toward his MFA in independent film and digital imaging.

Aaron is currently an optician for a company in Rich Township. He looks forward to a career in video filmmaking and passing this art on to others.

Password Changes Required by Feb. 29 (02-06-12)

All faculty, staff, and students are required to change their passwords prior to February 29. Persons who do not change their passwords by the deadline will be unable to access GSU password-protected systems until they do so. The Illinois Auditor General Office has mandated this procedure change.

Password Change Process:

GSU Network Login:

- Access the password change tool at <http://password.govst.edu>
- After the initial reset, all faculty and staff passwords must be changed every 60 days. All student passwords must be changed every 120 days. Users will receive a daily password change notice by e-mail beginning seven days prior to each change deadline.
- Each time a network password is reset, users must synchronize/reset their passwords in other systems (eg. myGSU portal e-mail/calendar function) and devices (eg. iPad, iPhone, Blackberry, Droid) -- see below.

myGSU E-Mail and Calendar Access:

- Each time a GSU network password is reset, users are required to synchronize their user name and NEW password on the myGSU portal homepage, by clicking the "verify credentials" link at the top center of the page.

Access Through Other Devices (iPad, iPhone, Blackberry, Droid, etc):

Passwords in most portable communication devices are stored in the device, requiring a separate password verification each time a GSU network password is reset.

- Password verification on these devices will happen in one of two ways:
 - o The device will automatically prompt users to verify or reset their user name and NEW password when attempting to access a GSU network
 - o Users may manually change the password in the device by accessing "settings"

Datatel Colleague UI: Select faculty and staff

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Tutorials for all password change steps above are available online at www.govst.edu/helpdesk.

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Color Purple – Discussion and Production

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ECE Students Learn from Each Other

Student teachers from Governors State University, with almost a full semester of in-class teaching experience under their belts, met for a frank and honest discussion with GSU students on the verge of beginning their student teaching experience. They gathered for what has become an annual social and educational event for early childhood education students of Dr. Jeannine Klomes, associate professor of early childhood education at GSU.



"By taking the discussion out of the usual classroom model, the students were able to have a relaxed, informative discussion with each other," Klomes said.

Klomes started the social exchange with students teachers two years ago and

has watched it grow with each event.

"Both the students with experience and the students asking questions gain perspective and insight during these discussions," she said.

Students are currently teaching spoke of the challenges, successes, and difficulties they have faced. Students who will begin their student teaching next semester were eager to ask questions and get candid answers.

According to Klomes, discussion and advice revolved around informal inquiries regarding, challenges within the student teaching experience, important advice for upcoming student teachers, and "if you could do anything differently, what would it be?"

BOT Meets Feb. 24

The Governors State University Board of Trustees will not meet on Friday, February 17. The Full Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 24. in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors on the GSU campus.

Dates for the remainder of the 2012 Board of Trustees meetings are:
Friday, June 1 – Committee Meetings
Friday, June 8 – Full Board Meeting

August 5-7– Full Board Retreat
Friday, October 5 – Committee Meetings
Friday, October 12 – Full Board Meeting
Friday, November 30 – Committee Meetings
Friday, December 7 – Full Board Meeting

All meetings take place on campus in the Hall of Honors, except the Full Board Retreat, the location of which is yet to be determined. For further information about the Governors State University Board of Trustees contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#).

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Valentine's Day Flowers

Make Valentine's Day special for someone you care about -- and easy for you. The Civil Service Senate is again sponsoring its annual Valentine's Day carnation sale. Pre-orders are being accepted through Wednesday, February 8. All orders must be paid in full by at the cashier's office by Thursday, February 9. Carnations will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14.

The cost of the carnations is also a great deal. Single blooms are only \$1.50. Six flowers cost \$7.50 and a dozen is only \$12. The more you order, the more you save so get your order in early.

Make a Difference

Join the discussion on the meaning, impact, and methods of making a difference. "Civic Engagement and You" will be held on Thursday, February 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The importance and value of community service to both the individual who volunteers and the society that benefits from it will be discussed. This discussion is hosted by Students in Service and held in collaboration with the Illinois Campus Compact, which is a coalition of college and universities, including GSU, that work together to promote the civic development of students as active members of the community.

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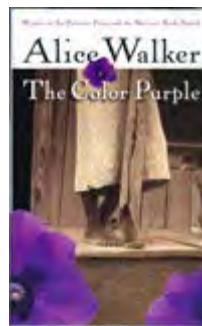
Auditions for the GSU production of *Stop Kiss* by Diana Son will be held on Monday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in room E2522; Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m., in room E1550; and Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in room E2522.

Stop Kiss, a moving story of friendship and love, will be produced and performed by GSU students. Performance dates are April 11, 12, and 13.

Students should prepare a one-minute modern monologue and attend one day of auditions. No monologues should be from *Stop Kiss*. All parts will be cast from the auditions. There are also nonperforming (behind the scenes) opportunities available.

For more information, contact director [Lauren White](#). This production is made possible by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

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CHHS Dean Candidate Presentation – Joyce Griffin-Sobel

Dr. Joyce Griffin-Sobel, candidate for the position of Dean of CHHS, will give a public presentation on Monday, February 6, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation.

You can read Dr. Griffin-Sobel's [resume](#).

Alcoholics Anonymous at GSU

Students, faculty, and staff members are invited to attend closed meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at GSU on Thursdays, from 6 to 7:15 p.m., in Room A2150. Meetings begin tonight.

For more information, contact [Johnsie McAuley-Davis](#) in Student Life at 708.235.7653 or 773-331-3760.

Scholarship Spotlight – Yonna Alexander

Yonna Alexander of Chicago received the Donald and Helen Morrison Endowed Scholarship in Business. She is a graduate student in the College of Business



and Public Administration and is pursuing a master's degree in Business.

Yonna is an intuitive and imaginative problem solver and wishes to apply the knowledge obtained at GSU to independently manage production and manufacturing abroad for global firms.



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